Drainage system in Mattancheri Municipality—scheme for.

297. Mr. Popatlal Govindhan Lalan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chairman of the Mattancheri Municipality has submitted a scheme in respect of the drainage system in the Mattancheri Town for the consideration of the Government ; and if so, whether it is receiving the attention of the Government ;

(b) in connection with the above, what is the progress made up till now since its submission and what are the proposals suggested ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— (a) Yes.

(b) The scheme is under the consideration of Government. The Chairman's proposal is to make the drainage system tidal by opening a main canal with roads on either side from Eravelli to Pandarachal meeting Kumbalanni Kayal.

The Ernakulam General Hospital.

298. Mr. A. V. Moothedan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the average daily attendance at the Ernakulam General Hospital during 1107, 1108 and 1109 ;

(b) the actual expenses on account of this hospital during this period ;

(c) the number of complaints received during this period from patients or their representatives against the staff at the Hospital ;

(d) the nature of these complaints and the action taken in each case ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—

(a)	1107	....	79·4.
	1108	....	71·4.
	1109	....	74·0.
(b)	1107	....	Rs. 61545.
	1108	....	Rs. 51176.
	1109	....	Rs. 56128.

(Expenditure exclusive of cost of supplies made by Head Office).

(c) and (d) It is not possible to give specific instances of complaints. Few allegations received proved false and unfounded on enquiry.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to say what is the nature of the complaints received ?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— Sir, there have been sometimes a few anonymous letters that some of the servants were misbehaving themselves to those who came for medicines; they did not allow some persons to get into the hospital to see their relatives; a third that some of the servants used to illtreat the relations of patients who came inside the hospital.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Is this decrease due to the fact of the disease decreasing or is it that the people are growing less optimistic about the Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—That the reduction of 4 or 5 patients in the out patient department should be made the point upon which criticism is to be laid against the hospital seems very strange.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— With reference to the answers (c) and (d) can I get some idea of the particular number?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— About half a dozen instances.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— My goodness!

Plague in Mattancheri and Kunnamkulam— Expenditure.

299. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the total amount spent on account of plague in Mattancheri and Kunnamkulam; what are the details of expenditure and the amount spent for each item?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—

	Mattancheri.	Kunnamkulam.
(1) Cost of establishment	Rs. 3,470—0—0	Rs. 1,870—9—0
(2) Other charges including cost of vaccine, isolation shed, uniforms to the staff, kerosine oil, soap, etc.	Rs. 1,611—11—1	Rs. 1,301—6—8
(3) Amount spent by the Mattancheri Municipal Chairman for purchase of rat-traps and other articles for the destruction of rats, wages to coolies, boat charges, cost of supplies to isolation sheds, etc.	Rs. 3,942—12—6	
Total	Rs. 9,024—7—7	Rs. 3,171—15—8

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